

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"



Tim Gallagher, Director

January 6, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR
FUNDING TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA – RESOURCES AGENCY,
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION,
MURRAY-HAYDEN URBAN PARKS AND YOUTH SERVICE PROGRAM
OF THE 2002 RESOURCES BOND ACT
FOR FUNDING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS
(All Districts – 3-Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1 Find the proposed projects at Alondra Community Regional Park (Skate Park) and El Cariso Community Regional Park (Universal Playground) categorically exempt from CEQA; and
- 2 Find the proposed projects located at Amelia Mayberry Park (Multi-Purpose Building), Los Robles Park (Youth Center) and Jackie Robinson Park (Acquisition and Development) are not exempt from CEQA and shall require consideration and approval of documentation pursuant to CEQA, by the Board at a future date; and
3. Find that the submittal of applications for all the proposed projects is exempt from CEQA; and
- 4 Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the submittal of applications to the State of California – Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation for funding for the five proposed projects under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, designating

the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as the authorized representative of the County to conduct all negotiations, execute and submittal documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

5. Authorize, contingent upon grant funding, the proposed projects located at Alondra Community Regional Park (Skate Park) and El Cariso Community Regional Park (Universal Playground); and
6. Instruct the Director of Parks and Recreation to return to the Board at a future date, contingent upon grant funding, for approval of all required environmental documents and authorization of the proposed projects located at Amelia Mayberry Park (Multi-Purpose Building), Los Robles Park (Teen Youth Center) and Jackie Robinson Park (Land Acquisition and Development).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adoption of the attached Resolution by your Board will authorize the Department to complete the submission of project applications to the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation (State), for funding of the proposed projects under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002. Applications must include a Resolution by your Board to complete each project application.

The State announced on October 1, 2003, that possible funding was available through the competitive grant program entitled "Murray-Hayden Urban Parks and Youth Service Program" under the 2002 Resources Bond Act. The Murray-Hayden Urban Parks and Youth Service Grant Program awards funds on a competitive basis to designated government agencies for Capital Projects, including parks, park facilities, environmental enhancement projects, youth centers, and environmental youth service centers that will employ neighborhood residents and at-risk youth, and are within immediate proximity of a neighborhood that has been identified by the Department as having a critical lack of parks and open space land and/or deteriorated park facilities, a shortage of services for youth, significant poverty, and significant unemployment. This year, \$46,675,000 is available statewide, through this competitive grant process.

In determining the projects to be submitted to the State, the Department reviewed and assessed various facility needs throughout all five supervisorial districts relative to the grant criteria and determined the capital projects listed below to be eligible for this competitive program. Applications must include an adopted Resolution by your Board authorizing the completion of the application. Incomplete applications were submitted to the State by the due date of December 15, 2003. A draft resolution however, was

submitted as part of the application. The adoption of the attached Resolution will complete the application requirements of the State.

Applications were submitted for the following five (5) projects:

Amelia Mayberry Park Multi-Purpose Building

PROPOSED GRANT REQUEST \$2,498,000

Grant funds will be used to demolish the existing computer building and replace it with a 7,000 square foot multi-purpose building to include functions such as a game room, computer lab, two meeting rooms and ADA compliant restrooms. The new Multi-Purpose Building will support expansion of Computer Lab programming. The project will also include the construction of a 92 space parking lot.

Alondra Community Regional Park Skate Park

PROPOSED GRANT REQUEST \$1,772,000

Grant funds will be used to develop and construct a 25,000 square foot Skate Park to include in ground concrete bowls, bleachers, an 8 foot high fence, rolling gate, 400 square foot shade structure, concrete walkways, picnic tables and signage.

El Cariso Community Regional Park Universal Playground Project

PROPOSED GRANT REQUEST \$868,900

Grant funds will be used to develop and construct a Universal Playground, providing play equipment with full accessibility for all children of various age groups and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and also State safety requirements. The equipment will provide universal access to a variety of stimulating play activities for children.

Los Robles Park Teen Youth Center

PROPOSED GRANT REQUEST \$2,480,000

Grant funds will be used for the construction of a 3,400 square foot building to be used primarily as a Teen Youth Center. The new building will include such functions as a computer lab, kitchen, meeting room, game room and restrooms. This project will also include construction of an additional 10 parking spaces. All construction will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Jackie Robinson Park Acquisition and Development Project

PROPOSED GRANT REQUEST \$2,460,000

Grant funds will be used for the Acquisition and Development of a 4.65 acre parcel adjacent to the existing park. Development will consist of a multi-purpose field, picnic area, lighting, 60 space parking lot, utilities, and irrigation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The authorization to submit this grant implements three Goals of the County's Strategic Plan. The Goals Are; Goal 3 (Organizational Effectiveness) by recommending options for effective alternative services to maximize the ability of the Department to focus on their core mission; Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being) by improving the good health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being; and educational/workforce readiness of the children and families of the County; and Goal 6 (Community Services) by improving the quality of life for residents by offering a wide range of services responsive to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This Resolution has been prepared to establish the Board's intent to apply for State grant funds. If the County is successful in receiving grant funds for any of the submitted applications, full financial descriptions of those selected projects will be prepared. These financial details will accompany the project approval letter, which will be brought before your Board after award of the grant(s). Notification of award is scheduled for May 2004. Upon award of each grant, the Department will be required to have a fully executed contract with the State Department of Parks and Recreation within three years from the date of program funds appropriation. The Department will also be responsible for the completion of all funded projects and submittal of all final documentation no later than June 30, 2010.

The recommended actions will complete the applications for funding of the proposed projects listed above. This program does not require local matching funds.

Operating Budget Impact

Amelia Mayberry Park Multi-Purpose Building

Upon completion of the Multi-Purpose Building, the Department anticipates a one-time start-up cost of \$30,950 for furnishings, computer and maintenance equipment, storage, and an electric utility vehicle. An increase to ongoing costs to staff, program, and maintain the Multi-Purpose Building is estimated to be \$108,376 annually. These ongoing costs include utilities, maintenance services and supplies, salaries and

employee benefits for grounds maintenance and recreation staff, Computer Lab system hardware and software support and maintenance

Alondra Community Regional Park Skate Park

The Department anticipates a one-time start-up cost of \$3,200 for maintenance supplies and equipment to operate and maintain the new Skate Park. Ongoing costs for program and maintenance staff, equipment, supplies, and utilities are estimated to be \$38,823 annually.

El Cariso Community Regional Park Universal Playground Project

The Department does not anticipate any impact to operating expenses resulting from this project. The improvements will replace an existing play area and will not require an increase to maintenance or operating funds.

Los Robles Park Teen Youth Center

The Department anticipates a one-time start-up cost of \$90,000 for furniture, equipment, supplies, and a vehicle to support and operate programs in the new facility. An anticipated increase to ongoing costs is estimated to be \$133,174 for Recreation staff salaries and employee benefits, recreation program services and supplies, office supplies and equipment maintenance, Computer Lab and office system hardware and software support and maintenance, grounds maintenance/mowing contract augmentation, grounds maintenance supplies, vehicle maintenance and fuel.

Jackie Robinson Park Acquisition and Development Project

Upon the completed development of the acquired park land, the Department anticipates a one-time start-up cost of \$10,400 for maintenance equipment and park furnishings. The annual ongoing cost is estimated to increase by \$75,324 for staffing to maintain and operate programs at the new facility.

The Chief Administrative Office will review the cost estimates and will work with Parks and Recreation to determine the appropriate operating requirements and available funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Parks and Recreation will be required to spend funds in accordance with the 2002 Resources Bond Act Murray-Hayden Grant Program Procedural Guide.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Submittal of the applications is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that it will have no significant effect on the environment.

The proposed projects located at Alondra Park (Skate Park) and El Cariso Community Regional Park (Universal Playground) are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15303 (d) (e) and Class 3 (a) (b) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

If funded, the proposed projects located at Amelia Mayberry Park (Multi-Purpose Building), Los Robles Park (Teen Youth Center) and Jackie Robinson Park (Land Acquisition and Development) would require additional environmental documentation, which would be brought before your Board at a future date.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES AND PROJECTS

There is no impact on current services or projects as a result of this action. If funding is awarded, projects will be accomplished in a timely manner and will not impact operationally on specific facilities.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that three (3) original copies of the resolution be returned to the Department of Parks and Recreation by Wednesday, January 7, 2004 for completion of the application packets.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Gallagher
Director

Attachment (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE
MURRAY-HAYDEN PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN
AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

AMELIA MAYBERRY PARK MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

ALONDRA COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK SKATE PARK

EL CARISO COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK UNIVERSAL PLAYGROUND

LOS ROBLES PARK TEEN YOUTH CENTER

JACKIE ROBINSON PARK LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, people of the State of California have enacted the CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to eligible Applicants; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Murray-Hayden Urban Parks and Youth Service Program and the grant Projects shown above within the State, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Board of Supervisors to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission is complete of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, said applications contain assurances that the County must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation has submitted applications for projects identified above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

- 1 Approves the filing of applications for local assistance funds from the Murray-Hayden Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002; and
2. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Projects; and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
4. Certifies that the projects conform to the recreation element of any city or county general plan; and
5. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grants for Alondra Community Regional Park (Skate Park) and El Cariso Community Regional Park (Universal Playground), and conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects; and
6. Instructs the Director of Parks and Recreation to return to the Board at a future date for acceptance of grant funding, approval of all required environmental documents and authorization of the proposed projects located at Amelia Mayberry Park (Multi-Purpose Building), Los Robles Park (Teen Youth Center), and Jackie Robinson Park (Land Acquisition and Development).

Approved and Adopted on this day of January, 2004

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors following a roll call vote:

Ayes

Noes

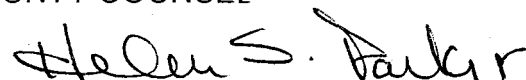
Absent

Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
COUNTY COUNSEL

By



Helen S. Parker, Principal Deputy